

To: Governor
From: Buddy B.
Re: Questions for Burt Prelutsky's book
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Here are the questions you agreed to answer for Burt Prelutsky's new book, a sequel to The Secret of Their Success, which contained 78 interviews with the likes of Gerald Ford, Billy Wilder, Jerry Herman, Jack Lemmon, Dinah Shore, Gene Kelly, and J. Peter Grace.

This sequel so far includes John Stossel, Charles Krauthammer, Newt Gingrich, Gary Sinise, Carl Reiner, Joseph Wambaugh, Curt Schilling, Alan and Marilyn Bergman, James Woods, Pat Boone and John Bolton.

Questions for Gov. Haley Barbour

1. What did your father do for a living?
2. Why did you decide to become a lawyer?
3. Why did you decide to get into politics?
4. Did friends and relatives try to discourage you from pursuing such a path?
5. What is your educational background?
6. What was the best advice you ever got? Did you take it?
7. What was the worst advice you ever got? Did you take it?

8. What book has most influenced you?
9. Have you any hobbies?
10. What made you decide to become the chairman of the RNC? Did you enjoy your tenure?
11. What is the best and the worst thing about being a governor?
12. Who or what makes you laugh?
13. Assuming that the book that most influenced you may not be your all-time favorite book, what is and why is it? And what is your favorite movie?
14. You helped found Barbour Griffith and Rogers, so obviously you don't think Washington lobbyists are the arch villains that the MSM pictures them to be. How would you define the role of lobbyists?
15. By state law, you can't run for re-election in 2011. What do you plan to do at that time?
16. Is there anyone you envy?
17. What individual has most influenced you?
18. How big a motivator has money been in your life?

19. Assuming you have children, would you encourage them to follow in your footsteps?
20. What role does religion play in your life?
21. What is your greatest personal or professional regret?
22. If you accomplish it with a snap of your fingers, what would you change about America?
23. If you could just as easily change yourself, what change would you make?
24. If you could invite anyone who has ever lived to a dinner party, seating limited to eight, who would be on your guest list?
25. What question that I haven't asked, do you wish I had? And what is your answer?